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Sir:

This is a request for filing a
[X] Continuation [] Divisional (parent not abandoned)
application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial
No. 09/886,130, filed June 22, 2001

for [Title]: OPTICAL DISK, OPTICAL RECORDER, OPTICAL REPRODUCER,
CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND PROGRAM LICENSE SYSTEM

by [Inventors]: Mitsuaki OSHIMA, Yoshiho GOTOH, Shinichi TANAKA, Kenji KOISHI, Mitsurou MORIYA and Yoshinari TAKEMURA.

1. A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW Ba

Total claims	6	-20 = 0	x \$18.00	(* 9.00) =	
Independent claims	1	- 3 = 0	x \$80.00	(*40.00) =	
Total Filing Fee.....					= \$710.00

3. [X] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed (Ck#14529).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 16-0331. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE
ENCLOSED.

4. Cancel in this application original claims 1-28 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of application Serial No. 09/886,130 filed June 22, 2001 which in turn is a continuation of 09/475,228 filed December 30, 1999 which in turn is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/849,468 filed June 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,081,785 issued June 27, 2000.--

6. Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7. New Formal Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s) . .

8. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 7-261247 filed October 9, 1995, No. 8-008910 filed January 23, 1996, and No. 8-211304 filed August 9, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The certified copies were filed in prior application No. 08/849,468 by the International Bureau.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8623, Frame 0039.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. Address all future communications to
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11. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

*13. Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on _____.

Respectfully submitted,
PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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